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TAGS: CASC (PACE, STEPHEN AUGUSTUS, 3D)

SUBJECT: W/W: STEPHEN AUGUSTUS PACE, 3D

REF: HONG KONG 7842 AND PREVIOUS

1. ON RECEIPT REFTTEL DEPARTMENT TELEPHONED COUNTS AND PACE RE PARAGRAPH ONE AND SPOKE TO JIM SUNSERI, ATTORNEY, WHO INFORMED DEPARTMENT THAT HE TELEPHONED HONG KONG POLICE ON SATURDAY TO REPORT THAT HE AND FAMILY HAD RECEIVED INFORMATION "FROM CERTAIN ANONYMOUS SOURCES" THAT STEPHEN AUGUSTUS PACE WAS BEING HELD AGAINST HIS WILL IN HONG KONG HARBOR. SUNSERI EMPHASIZED THAT HE DID NOT USE EXPRESSION THAT PACE MAY HAVE BEEN KIDNAPPED AND THAT HE REALIZED THAT INFORMATION WAS INSUFFICIENT FOR FILING POLICE REPORT BUT THAT HE PRIMARILY WAS INTERESTED IN OBTAINING NAMES OF RELIABLE PRIVATE INVESTIGATORS WHICH HE RECEIVED FROM HK POLICE.

2. MRS. STRAUB TELEPHONED DEPARTMENT SHORT WHILE LATER, STATED THAT "ANONYMOUS SOURCE" WAS A PSYCHIC AND THAT
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SUNSERI WAS NOT FULLY INFORMED ON ALL DETAILS OF THE CASE BUT THAT TO HER KNOWLEDGE MR. PACE HAD NOT REPEAT NOT VISITED TOKYO OR JAPAN. ADDITIONALLY STATED THAT FAMILY CONSIDERING HIRING PRIVATE INVESTIGATORS AND WOULD INFORM DEPARTMENT IF FIRM ENGAGED. SHE ALSO STATED THAT A

FAMILY FRIEND HAS OFFERED TO CONTACT INTERPOL ON FAMILY'S

BEHALF.

3. TAIPEI REQUESTED ATTEMPT VERIFY THROUGH CATHAY PACIFIC OFFICES IN TAIPEI HOW TICKET FOR "PAOE" TO TRAVEL ON CX 523 TO HONG KONG ON MAY 23 WAS PAID FOR. IF INTERAIRLINE VOUCHER AGAINST PAN AM OPEN TICKET CAN CATHAY PACIFIC PROVIDE NUMBER OF PAN AM OPEN TICKET?

4. IN SPITE OF DISCREPANCIES IS NAMES ON CATHAY PACIFIC MANIFESTS IN TAIPEI AND HONG KONG IT APPEARS THAT STEPHEN PACE TRAVELED FROM TAIPEI TO HONG KONG ON MAY 26. HOPEFULLY TAIPEI CATHAY PACIFIC RECORDS CHECK WILL ASSIST BY VERIFYING PAN AM TICKET NUMBER ASSIGNED TO PACE. FAMILY OBTAINING TICKET NUMBER ASSIGNED TO PACE FROM TRAVEL AGENT IN U.S.

5. AS PACE NOW APPEARS TO HAVE ARRIVED IN HONG KONG AND NOT TO HAVE DEPARTED FROM HONG KONG CAN CG INFORM DEPARTMENT/FAMILY OF REQUIRED PROCEDURE TO FILE MISSING PERSONS REPORT WITH HONG KONG POLICE?

6. DEPARTMENT RELUCTANT QUESTION FOUR FRIENDS IN U.S. AS WE WOULD NOT KNOW WHAT QUESTIONS WOULD BE MOST PRODUCTIVE BUT WOULD BE HAPPY TO RELAY SUCH QUESTIONS FROM APPROPRIATE POLICE AUTHORITIES. VANCE

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